

### 55. Wood Frog \*

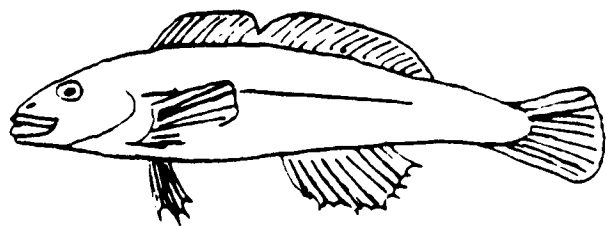
**TRAITS:** Small amphibian with moist skin, no scales or claws, long hind legs, short forelegs, large mouth.

**HABITAT:** Tundra, muskegs, and forests; eggs and tadpoles live only in water; adults live on land.

**FOODS:** Adults eat insects, including flies, true bugs, lacewings, dragonflies, and others; tadpoles eat algae and small aquatic animals.

**EATEN BY:** Tadpoles are eaten by fish, dragonfly larvae, loons, and grebes; adults are eaten by sandhill cranes, ravens, and other omnivores.

**"GEE WHIZ":** Wood frogs range farther north than any other amphibian. They produce antifreeze in their bodies and hibernate during winter beneath dry soil and plant litter.



### 56. Slimy Sculpin \*

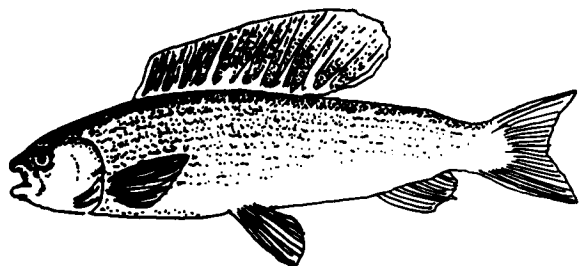
**TRAITS:** A small fish with a large head that grows to 3-5 inches (7.5-12 cm).

**HABITAT:** Adults live on the bottoms of lakes and fast moving streams; they may move into shallow water to spawn.

**FOODS:** Mainly larvae of flies, such as mayflies, caddisflies, midges, crane flies; also dragonflies and amphipods; small fish and aquatic vegetation.

**EATEN BY:** Other fish, such as lake trout, burbot, and grayling; loons, grebes.

**"GEE WHIZ":** The color and pattern of their skins makes them nearly invisible when motionless on river and lake bottoms.



### 57. Arctic Grayling \*

**TRAITS:** Graylings reach 12-14 inches (30-35 cm) and 1-1.5 lbs. (0.5-0.7 kg). They have a small mouth, and the dorsal fin is dotted with large iridescent red or purple spots.

**HABITAT:** Grayling live in cold, clear streams, lakes, and ponds; they spawn in streams with sandy gravel bottoms.

**FOODS:** Mostly insects such as midges, mayflies, stoneflies, crane flies, mosquitos, and small fish.

**EATEN BY:** Young are eaten by fish-eating birds and other fish; adults are eaten by humans.

**"GEE WHIZ":** Grayling migrate from small tributaries into deep water to spend the winter; this allows them to live in the summer in streams and ponds that freeze solid in winter.